

## Today's News - June 7, 2005

This month, SMPS offers lively advice on how to avoid deadly presentations. – Architects fear they may become "splendidly irrelevant, if not extinct." – Of the hundreds of reports about the Olympics Committee faves, the one with the best perspective was buried in the sports section. – Ground Zero redesign: bunker mentality meets high design (maybe). – Norten wins Guggenheim Guadalajara (but it's only part of a feasibility study - haven't we heard that before?). – An in-depth look at Chicago's big building boom - some "splendid," some "a festival of banality." – With soaring construction costs, "value engineering" is at the top of the lexicon once again. – Praise for preservationists but a plea to take a second look at Foster's Patent Office canopy. – A vision for "environmental bridge" for Oregon's Columbia River - but don't cross the Oregon Board of Architectural Examiners. – Kansas City stadium design continues to make heads turn (towards Munich and Beijing). – Jenks on life, the universe, and gardening. – Reno to add to its skyline. – Call for entries: Cultural Center of the Philippines District and AR Emerging Architecture. – ULI European winners announced. – National Building Museum teaches kids how good design makes good communities. – A touch of humor: Egos rising.

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[June '05 Build Business: Presentations Wanted: Alive, Not Dead. By Carol Doscher](#)

[Architects voice fear of extinction at NZ Institute of Architects conference: "I believe our discipline will become splendidly irrelevant, if not extinct, unless new forms of engagement are cultivated." – Mark Wigley; Peter Davey; Chris Moller; Amanda Reynolds; Nigel Ryan-](#) New Zealand Herald

[Contemplating a Future With No West Side Stadium: New York had a shot to win the Olympic bid...International Olympic Committee all but ranked Paris as its top choice for the 2012 Games...but such pet status can be a jinx.](#) - New York Times

[Security at Symbol of Resolve: Many Demands on New Ground Zero Tower: The challenge now faced by the designers...is to keep it from looking like a high-rise bunker. – Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Libeskind; Calatrava; Snohetta-](#) New York Times

[Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos Will Design Guggenheim in Guadalajara: The architectural competition is part of a study to explore the feasibility...of establishing a world-class museum in Guadalajara-](#) Art Daily

[Planning and Its Disconnects: In the wake of Chicago's biggest construction boom since the 1920's, a look at the resulting buildings raises a fundamental question: Can planning be a means to better architecture? By Lynn Becker \[images/links\]-](#) Repeat (Chicago)

[Soaring prices force construction choices: ...the industry seems to be taking a more cautious approach, with a heavy emphasis on "value engineering"....](#) - Providence Journal

[Editorial: Design Dilemma: Historical preservationists have accomplished much for Washington...their protests helped save the Patent Office itself in the 1950s...But because the \[Norman\] Foster plan could well bring the city a unique example of contemporary architecture...the design deserves a second look.](#) - Washington Post

[A bridge brainstorm: The designer of Keller Fountain wants to make the I-5 span over the Columbia into an "environmental bridge"...she better make sure no toes touch Oregon soil -- at least until she's registered with the Oregon Board of Architectural Examiners. By Randy Gragg – Angela Danadjieva; Angeli/Graham/Pfenninger/Scholl-](#) The Oregonian

[Worries aren't laid to rest with new pillow design: The latest: a pillow-looking building that's surprisingly similar to arenas being built by Herzog & de Meuron in Munich and Beijing. – Downtown Arena Design Team; Gehry/Crawford Architects \[images\]-](#) Kansas City Star

[Life, the universe...and gardening: When his wife died of cancer, leading architect Charles Jencks set out to keep her memory alive through the Maggie's Centres.](#) - Sunday Herald (Scotland)

[Architect's design avoids "monolith" look: dual towers...would become a key part of Reno's skyline. – Carlos Zapata-](#) Reno Gazette-Journal

[Call for entries: New Cultural Center of the Philippines District Design Excellence Competition; deadlines: July 1 \(professionals\); September 1 \(students\)-](#) Philippines National Commission for Culture and the Arts

[Call for entries: The Architectural Review Awards for Emerging Architecture 2005; deadline: September 13 \(PDF\)-](#) The Architectural Review

[World-Class: ULI Announces Five Winners for 2005 Awards for Excellence: Europe Competition-](#) Urban Land Institute (ULI)

[A new vision in District: CityVision is the far-seeing name of a 12-year-old program at the National Building Museum that teaches middle school students how good design can be used to promote good communities.](#) - Washington Times

[Egos rising: Donald Trump's plan to rebuild the twin towers has created an uproar...has also generated a tide of counterproposals from another influential constituency...Olsen Twin Towers, Howard Stern's Truth Towers, Paris's Triple Hiltons, etc.](#) - Boston Globe

[-- Alsop & Partners: Fawood Children's Centre, London, UK](#)  
[-- Exhibition: "West! Frank Gehry and the Artists of Venice Beach 1962-1978," Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis](#)

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